

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-10 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 are sought to be amended. Claim 10 is sought to be added. Claim 6 is sought to be canceled. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims, with respect to the canceled and amended claims, in the future. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Specification

The Specification was objected to for not including an abstract. Based on the amendment above, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

The Specification was also objected to for lacking optional headings for optional sections of the Specification. Although Applicants disagree there is any requirement in the M.P.E.P. for such headings, and without acquiescing to the objection, Applicants have amended the application as shown above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,611,476 to Soderlund *et al.* (hereinafter "Soderlund"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 recites features distinguishable over the applied reference. For example, claim 1 recites " a cleaning liquid configured to clean the contaminated process gas...a deposition wall having a surface, the surface being configured to receive a film of the cleaning liquid."

The Examiner points to Soderlund (col. 2, lines 1-6 and col. 5, lines 23-28) as disclosing this feature recited in claim 1. (*See* Office Action, 02/20/08, page 3.) Applicants respectfully traverse.

Soderlund appears to disclose a condenser box with a plurality of heat exchange elements that is located on a flow path between heating and cooling sections of a furnace. (*See* col. 2, lines 1-6.) As hot gas from the heating section over a surface area of the heat exchange elements, the gas is cooled. (*See* col. 5, lines 23-24.) As the temperature of the gas drops below a particular condensation temperature, the gas begins to condense on the surface of the heat exchange elements. (*See* col. 5, lines 25-28.) A drip tray, located beneath the heat exchange elements, is used to catch any condensates that may drip off the heat exchange elements. (*See* col. 5, lines 28-30.) Applicants respectfully assert that these condensation drops collected by the drip tray are not a "film of the cleaning liquid," as recited in claim 1. Applicants further cannot find any teaching in Soderlund regarding "a cleaning liquid configured to clean the contaminated process gas," as recited in claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert there is no cleaning provided on the cooled rods. Thus,

because Soderlund does not anticipate at least these above-noted distinguishing features of claim 1, Soderlund cannot anticipate this claim.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claim 1, and find it allowable over the applied reference. Also, at least based on their dependency to claim 1, claims 2-5 and 7-10 should be found allowable over the applied reference, as well as for their additional distinguishing features.

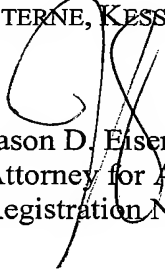
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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